

Focus Area	Budget	Vendor (Dependent on results of OTF review process)	Description	Category (e.g., Research, Access, Privacy, etc.)	New or Renewal	Benefit to BBG Networks (VoA, OCB, RFA, MBN, or RFE/RL)	Potential Metrics for Success and Performance	Safeguard Mitigation Evaluation Required? (Yes/No)	Initial OTF FY17 Request	Notes
Boosting Research and Implementations of Emerging Circumvention Techniques	\$700,000	Various including China Digital Times	Supporting projects creating new forms of circumvention in response to ever more sophisticated censorship tactics.	Research, Development, Access	Both	Audience can access blocked content from BBG Networks		Yes		
Enhancing Censorship Detection, Analysis and Visualization	\$800,000	Various including Citizen Lab, Greatfire, Turkeyblocks, Joe Landers, Software Freedom Law Centre, Arthur Gwagwa and OONI-probe	Supporting projects developing detection tools and analyzing censorship events including website blocking, app specific blocking, shutdowns, the underlying techniques being employed and exposing censorship on country specific content platforms.	Research, Access, Privacy	Both	BBG Networks can learn where and how content is being blocked to better target circumvention tools		Yes	156,000	Turkeyblocks, Arthur Gwagwa
Fellowships	\$1,100,000	Various	Supporting fellows through the information controls (ICFP) and digital integrity fellowship (DIFP) programs. ICFP supports individuals performing research and development to monitor or mitigate information controls in repressive environments. DIFP supports individuals to enhance the digital safety of organizations subject to repressive government surveillance and attacks.	Research, Awareness, Security	New	Critical insights into censorship and surveillance occurring in countries being covered by BBG Networks.		Yes	500,000	Information Controls Fellowship
Conferences	\$450,000	Internet Freedom Festival and OTF Summit	OTF partners with the State Department to support the Internet Freedom Festival, an annual global convening of the Internet freedom community. Since its inception, OTF has invited projects, fellows, advisory council members and other experts in the field (including public and private funders) to an annual event focused on strengthening collaboration and growing the impact of the Internet freedom community.	Awareness, Community Engagement	Renewal	Opportunity for BBG Networks to interact with internet freedom experts		No		
Evolving Established Circumvention Tools with New Features	\$1,400,000	Various including Lantern and Psiphon	Supporting the continued development progress of those mature and established circumvention tools to overcome censorship with modern-day features known to challenge threats of the day.	Development	New	Audience can access blocked content from BBG Networks. BBG Networks can promote tools for audience		Yes		
Advancing the Security and Usage of Privacy-Enhancing Technologies	\$900,000	Various including Tor, BSD Diversity and Subgraph	Privacy-enhancing technologies serve a critical role both as a circumvention tool and to protect the identity of the most vulnerable communities when using the Internet. These projects will focus on mitigating known vulnerabilities, increasing the accessibility of anonymity tools and improving third party integrations.	Development, Security, Privacy	Both	Protects BBG journalists. BBG Networks can promote tools for audience to stay safe online		Yes		

Prioritizing Mobile Apps and Browser Extensions that Increase Access and Security	\$1,000,000	Various including Mailvelope and Open Whisper Systems	Mobile apps and browser extensions have become an important vehicle for overcoming internet interference. Projects will focus on fostering circumvention for third parties such as media outlets, thwarting malicious attacks, overcoming internet shutdowns and increasing communication security.	Development, Access, Security	Both	Audience can access blocked content from BBG Networks. Protects BBG journalists. BBG Networks can promote tools for audience		Yes		
Expanding the Robustness of Core Infrastructure	\$400,000	Various including EFF and Trevor Perrin	This program supports digital security and circumvention projects by providing core infrastructure or the building blocks of everyday Internet Freedom technology used by people throughout the world to increase their access, privacy, and security online, such as sustaining or improving PGP, SSL, SSH, Tor, OTR, pluggable transports and code libraries.	Security, Development, Awareness	New	Increases safety for BBG journalists and audiences of BBG Networks		No		
Improving Usability, Accessibility, and Localization	\$1,150,000	Various including Transifex and Localization Lab	Tools and information focused on Internet freedom need to be accessible if they are to be effective. These projects and labs will focus on improving the usability of IF tools and expanding the audiences of relevant research to those directly impacted. This focus area also manages and grows OTF's Localization Lab (more than 60 Internet freedom project and nearly 6,000 volunteer translators)	Awareness	Both	Increases availability of tools to access blocked content from BBG Networks		No		
Analyzing the Security of Widely Used Internet Freedom Technology	\$500,000	Various including Citizen Lab, Cure53 and iSec	This includes projects and services that reverse engineer widely used communication tools and performing security audits of IF tools and foundational internet security protocols.	Research, Security, Access	Both	Increases security of tools to protect BBG journalists and audiences of BBG Networks		No		
Speeding Up the Transition From Idea to Implementation	\$600,000	Various including Greenhost	Support an services making it easier for good ideas to quickly prototype and/or deploy. A primary service is the secure cloud, geographically dispersed microclouds, within beachhead countries, offering Virtual Private Servers (VPS) to OTF projects and other related circumvention, security and human rights tools used by journalists and democracy supporters. Due to the threat of take-down and seizure, the infrastructure provides more data security protection than traditional cloud services.	Security, community engagement	Renewal	Improves the development of tools to provide access to blocked content of BBG networks		No		
Increasing Digital Security Capacity, Assistance, Needsfinding	\$400,000	Various including ASL19, Viet Tan Belarusian Human Rights House and Tibet Action	Supporting projects strengthening the safety of at risk journalists and human rights defenders and their organizations in repressive environments through trainings, internal support and help desks. This support provides OTF an on-the-ground views of how Internet Freedom technology is doing in the field.	Security, Awareness, Privacy	Both	Increases the usage of tools to access blocked content of BBG Networks		No		

